



than ten columns which are distorted and garbled from irresponsible papers throughout the country.

Materials of Legislation

The approach of the biennial session of the legislature is not only due to the attention of the public to the necessary amendments and changes in our laws. In the attention that the subject has received at the hands of all parties it is highly essential to have a knowledge of the general means and purposes of legislation in short to study well the course of general law giving. In that view it must be said that this period in legislative and judicial knowledge has been very marked by the rather more strenuous efforts than have been heretofore made in this country to solve the problem of condensing and simplifying the law. Our age is peculiar in the endeavor we have seen to evolve what is claimed to be a science of legislation. The course of that scientific process has been varying and in a degree highly unsatisfactory and whether it is beneficial must often be determined by experiment. The development of the branch of knowledge has been principally in the direction of extending the boundaries of law-making. Our legislation takes the widest range, much of which has been toward simplifying the old forms and constructions and not little toward condensing and crystallizing the methods of justice. A great deal of the material benefits resulting therefrom have been reached by an induced course known as too much legislation which like a great number of other reforms are produced by a sunset Statutes are frequently placed upon the law whose whole effect is to divert attention from greater evils simply from the fact that the lesser is more apparent by its frequency and when an infringement is committed the law is permitted to remain idle and is only invoked in exceptional cases. While this is manifestly wrong and should be discouraged the benefit is that any enactments, the causes for whose passage are transitory, become by this process a dead letter and cannot be used as an excuse of malice or wrong. But it has very justly been claimed that a wholesale amendment of the statutory laws is a great measure pernicious and should under no circumstances be encouraged. It is further asserted with what degree of fairness and justice everyone must judge for himself that our legislative bodies are too hasty in action and too frequently mistake the effect for the cause and instead of a remedy only a law is to be evaded or unnoticed. The English while they have departed from their old system of prolonged deliberation and partially fallen into the evils of hasty legislation, are still far more conservative in legislation than we perhaps on account of the earlier compilation of their code or the moderate and consolidatory sentiment of the British people. The English legislative system is the same as ours yet with the large body in their common deliberations are more successful in the way of substantial legislation.

But hasty and uncertain as our law making may be, there are some subjects which our coming legislators will be called upon to investigate during the approaching session and subjects which require immediate attention and careful observation and study.

One of the most important questions which demand a remedy is our tax system, the abuse of which has been universal throughout the state. While the remedy may not be agreed upon the evil is acknowledged and demands attention. Our present system like any other system, is good enough so long as there is no spirit for evasion of just taxation, but when facile connoisseurs and unscrupulous hands have all restraint removed and evading rightfull taxation becomes the rule an evil is apparent. This inclination to falsify valuations is not confined to the portion of the state, but all parts suffer alike. It has been said that by a system that will catch all the property in the state the valuation of the whole would be easily ascertained. Hence property owners who are conscientious enough to return all their property pay twice their rightful tax. The subject is one in which every citizen of the state is interested. Another important matter is the amendment of the police laws of the Columbia, which has been referred to before and will also demand attention, and in which every industry and trade that finds an outlet at this gateway is interested. A change in the system of fees for clerks and sheriffs, and perhaps a few changes in our criminal law are matters which ought to come before the coming session of the legislature. There will also be an abundance of material furnished our law-givers by the numerous private schemes and jobs whose interests will be suddenly looked after by the self-sacrificing projects. The rapid increase of our wealth and importance make the material of legislation abundant. In fact, there is much more work to be done than can be performed or satisfactorily investigated in the brief time of forty days, the time allotted for legislative work, but notwithstanding there is much requiring present attention, to postpone which would react against the interests of the state. The subjects of legislative material have been widely discussed and only await the consideration of the legislature to become enacted as laws for the substantial and lasting benefit of our prosperous young state.

THE REAL ISSUE

There is an ambiguity in the maxim, "Principles not men" which is often taken advantage of in political matters. But in great national contests there ought to be a combination of honest men as candidates and a party of honest principles to back them. Upon this platform the country is safe and upon no other. An exchange puts the same pending in the contest as one in which the matter whether Garfield or Hancock shall be president, but whether the ideas they respectively represent shall dominate in the control of public affairs.

On the one side we have the party that saved the nation and made even the existence of a democratic party possible—that has administered the government wisely and economically steadily reducing the public debt by hundreds of millions annually giving the country a sound currency and leading the nation forth into an era of prosperity unequalled in our country's history. This party is represented by Gen Garfield.

On the other side were offered the choice of a party who, during the dark days of the war, was known as the left wing of the rebel army that met the return of peace had laid over possible stumbling block in the way of securing the traits of a victory over treason and rebellion and done all in its power to banish and embarras the government in establishing a permanent and peaceful union a party whose principles are as shifing as the hand of the desert and whose eagerness for power makes it all things secondary thereto. In the view of this party is paid a resounding tribute in the principles as they are taught to be abominable.

This public knows how earnestly the Standard tried to work up a field boom in this state by publishing extracts from papers all over the United States. Had half what that paper printed about the field boom been true field would have been nominated unanimously at Cincinnati. By a similar course the organ of the detective boom is trying to smirch the character of Gen Garfield, and its efforts will be regarded in the same light. That paper does not seem to recognize the fact that ten hours of sensible argument are more effective with the men who read,

NEW TO-DAY.

**Clearance Sale.**  
For the next twenty days we offer our immense stock of **Summer Goods** at an immense reduction, consisting of fine light **Summer Suits** in **Tweeds and Flannels** etc, **Summer** **Handsome Patterns** in **Mohair and Alpaca** goods, **Fancy** **Percale Shirts**, the latest designs, **Feathers**, **Neckware** **Gauze Underware**. The rush for our **STRAW HATS** continues—the latest and most **nobby styles** at lowest prices.

Don't fail to call and secure bargains in the above line of goods. **J. KOMPS & CO.** **THING** **THALATE**, for First and Morrison Son SIS.

**Spring** **AND** **Summer**

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PORT AND OR. JUNE 20 1860  
WE notice that our pleasure parties will be closed on Saturday and Monday the 21st and 23rd of this month. **Per James Steel.**

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**BORN**

In Portland June 20 to the wife of William Mc

DEARMAN.

**MARRIED**

In this city June 20 1860 by Rev J. Moreland

of John, Maria W. Thorne and Emma S. Moreland

**DIED**

At Cross Hollow, Washington county, June 20 1860

Frank beloved and only child of John and Alice

Hengstow aged 1 year and 10 months

On darling dear child so sweet

Then let us soon thy God to meet

And quit this world of strife.

Though father mourns and mother weeps,

Think of the night alights

Shine on the bright day of the sleep.

God's will may be done.

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**NEW TO-DAY.**

**INVENTION WARDED** **BY A GENTLEMAN** **FOR HOUSEWORK** **BY A GENTLEMAN** **FOR HOUSEWORK**

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THURSDAY MORNING JULY 1 1880

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GREAT DAMAGE TO GROWING CROPS ON THE LOWER COLUMBIA AND LOWER WILLAMETTE

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THE FLOOD CONTINUES

THE OREGON BUSINESS OFFICE HAS BEEN RAFTED DOWN THE RIVER

AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND IS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY

THE D. W. &amp; CO. COMMISSION CO. SANT

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